IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 50, lines 7 to 14, please amend the Abstract to read as follows:

The method is adapted for using multiple <u>cards</u> ~~smartcards~~ with a single reader. The method initiates ~~(1.3)~~ a session of an application upon an insertion of a first <u>card</u> ~~smartcard~~ into the reader. The session is maintained active when the first <u>card</u> ~~smartcard~~ is removed from the reader and a second <u>card</u> ~~smartcard~~ associated with the first <u>card</u> ~~smartcard~~ is to be inserted in the reader<u>.</u> ~~(1.4.4.1).~~ The method performs ~~(1.4.4.2.4.2)~~ an action upon an insertion of the second <u>card</u> ~~smartcard~~ into the reader.

~~Fig. 10A and 10B~~